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# THE SECRETARY SPEAKS



Melvin Worthington

## The Together Way

**D**enominational ministries require prayer, programs, promotion, personnel and money. Local churches, district and state associations as well as the National Association need funds to minister effectively. Every organization needs a financial plan for securing funds.

Delegates during the 1992 national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, adopted "The Together Way Plan." This comprehensive financial plan addresses denominational stewardship for the first time since 1953. All our ministries deserve support. This plan provides for that.

### Basis

The basis of stewardship is recognition of God's ownership. He owns all and we are stewards of that which He gives us. Bible stewardship not only recognizes God's ownership but also reflects our obedience, reveals our obligation and results in outreach.

### Blessing

The blessing of stewardship includes God's promises, provision and peace. While stewardship means more than money, the focus of this stewardship philosophy for denominational support specifically addresses stewardship in giving.

### Concept

The Free Will Baptist denomination is a fellowship of believers united in extending the witness of Christ and the building of His Church throughout the world. We believe

that both the Old and New Testament scriptures teach that tithes and offerings are God's financial plan for supporting His work.

We view ourselves as Christians who embrace individual opinions and convictions, yet function with each member performing a prescribed service under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. This means that our local churches, district associations, state associations and the National Association work in a cooperative fashion so that joint ministries and programs can and will accomplish a productive work for God.

While an individual can only do what one person can do, our joint labors produce multiplied results. Because of this, our stewardship philosophy must embrace a cooperative effort.

### Covenant

The Free Will Baptist Church Covenant serves as a basis for our belief, our concept and our attitude. The covenant binds us together as Free Will Baptists with these closing words: "To this end we agree to

labor for the promotion of education and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world."

### Cooperation

Our attempts at evangelism, education and edification will be amplified by cooperative efforts beginning in the local church and continuing through the National Association. Likewise our financial gifts will meet our needs only when we obey the teaching of the Bible—each Christian giving the tithe and offering. This same principle extends to the local church giving a tithe of the tithe.

### Channel

The organizational structure of the National Association provides a channel through which every Free Will Baptist can have a part in worldwide ministry. In an ever-expanding circle from the individual, to the local church, to district association, to state association, to the National Association, we can support worldwide outreach.

This organizational structure models Acts 1:8. Through the denominational channel Free Will Baptists have a vehicle for supporting evangelism, education and edification at home and abroad.

God grant us understanding heads, unselfish hearts and unified hands as we implement "The Together Way Plan." ■

### The Secretary's Schedule

- Sept. 8-11 Convention Planning Trip  
Louisville, Kentucky
- Sept. 11-12 Nat'l Forum on Ch. Planting  
Chicago, Illinois
- Sept. 20-23 Chr. Stewardship Assoc.  
Indianapolis, Indiana
- Sept. 25-26 Christian Education Seminar  
Nashville, Tennessee

# We Met In Indianapolis

By Thomas Marberry



*Worship service in Indiana Convention Center.*

**M**ore than 6,000 Free Will Baptists from 40 states and around the world came to Indianapolis for the 56th annual session of the National Association. Under Moderator Ralph Hampton's leadership ministers, delegates and visitors worshipped, prayed, fellowshiped and transacted the denomination's business for five days, July 19-23.

We came for a variety of reasons. We came to worship God and recharge our spiritual batteries. We came to see friends with whom we have labored in the Lord's work. We came so that our young people could participate in conference activities. We came so that we could learn about our denomination and help transact its business. We came with an air of expectation, and we did not go away empty-handed.

Shortly after the convention ad-

joined, Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington summarized the events, "The preaching was as good as we have ever had. The adoption of the new financial plan gives us the foundation for unified effort to work together to reach our denominational goals."

A spirit of optimism, unity and hope was evident in every part of the convention hall both during worship services and business sessions. The theme for this convention was "Witnessing to the World," and this theme was creatively developed.

## **Witnessing in Fellowship**

If we are to witness effectively to the world, we must demonstrate an attitude of love, care and concern toward fellow believers and toward those outside the fellowship. This spirit was evident in Indianapolis

during Convention '92. Many attendees arrived Saturday or early Sunday morning and immediately began seeking out those whom they had known and with whom they had worked in the Lord's service.

This spirit of Christian fellowship continued during services and other activities. It was especially apparent during convention meal functions. The General Board Breakfast gave General Board members an opportunity to visit and prepare for upcoming business sessions.

The Fellowship of Encouragement dinner Monday evening brought together 300 men and women from across the denomination. Attendees heard Warren Wiersbe, one of the outstanding Christian thinkers and writers of our time.

The Music Ministries Breakfast demonstrated that it is possible to sing at 7:00 a.m. This breakfast brought together those with a spe-

**1992 National Convention analysis was written by Thomas Marberry, theology and Greek instructor at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Oklahoma.**

**All convention photographs are provided courtesy of Bert Tippet, director of publications at Free Will Baptist Bible College.**

**The Contact staff is grateful to Brother Marberry and Brother Tippet for their assistance in this special convention issue.**

cial interest in improving music ministries in our local churches. Randy Vader, president of the Gaither Music Company, brought an interesting and unusual message.

Vader talked a little about Christian music and his involvement in it. He talked much more, however, about the gospel and the difference it can make in our lives. He shared something of his personal testimony and how God had brought him through a serious crisis when his parents divorced after 45 years of marriage.



*Convention Music Director Blaine Hughes*

The Hillsdale FWB College luncheon brought together 150 graduates and friends of Hillsdale. Alton Lovelless, executive secretary of Ohio Free Will Baptists, spoke about the great need for men and women to answer the call of the cities, the greatest mission field in this country today.

The State Leaders Breakfast brought together those who carry much of the responsibility for the work of the denomination. This breakfast was an opportunity for Free Will Baptists to express thanks to these men for all they do for us.

The Free Will Baptist Bible College luncheon was held Wednesday in the convention center. It gave 250 former students and friends of the college an opportunity to talk about the good old days and also plan ahead for the future. The Alumni Association plans to raise \$75,000 to fund a director of alumni relations office for a two-year period.

The Master's Men Dinner was a time to recognize the great contribution which laymen make to this denomination. Certificates of Recognition were presented to groups of laymen who worked on building projects in Côte d'Ivoire, Brazil and Cuba. Ed Hall (Oak Ridge, Tenn.) was named Layman of the Year for 1991. A. V. Jennische (Houston, Texas) was named Runner-Up Lay-



*Susan Forlines holds future delegate.*

ship of Fundamentalists held its first dinner. Evangelist Van Dale Hudson brought the message challenging 150 hearers to maintain purity and a good testimony before the world. He noted that "True faith changes the life and affects the behavior of a man."

Fellowship is an important part of our denomination's effort to carry the gospel to those who have never heard. It binds us together and helps us learn from one another.



*A worker's view of registration.*

man of the Year. The banquet speaker was John Zubor, president of the Master's Men chapter at Woodhaven FWB Church in Woodhaven, Michigan.

Wednesday evening the Fellow-

### **Witnessing in Worship**

One of the primary purposes of every National Association is to praise and worship the Lord. Worship services are some of the most

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meaningful and important times at every convention.

### Sunday Morning

The convention began with Sunday School and church services in the Indiana Convention Center. The Adult Sunday School Class was taught by Van Paschall who also teaches an adult Sunday School class at Central FWB Church in Royal Oak, Michigan. The Teen Sunday School Class was taught by Pastor Terry Pierce of First FWB Church in Thomaston, Georgia.

The Primary and Junior Sunday School Class learned Bible stories presented as a drama by members of Truth and Peace. Truth and Peace is a special program for outstanding young people of our denomination. They attend a two-week training program prior to the convention each year and then help behind the scenes at the convention.

Pastor Richard Bowers of First FWB Church in Northport, Alabama, brought the message at the adult worship service. He challenged us to become global Christians and accept responsibility to share the faith with all the lost both at home and abroad.



*Richard Bowers (Alabama).*

Rev. Mike King of Pryor, Oklahoma, was the preacher for the teen worship service. He told the story of the crucifixion of Christ and how the suffering and death of Christ provide the atonement for our sins.



*Tuesday evening speaker James Forlines (L) talks with a friend.*

### NYC Keynote

Sunday evening was youth night at the convention. A special youth choir sang for the service; the young men and women from Truth and Peace and the Youth Evangelistic Team sang before the message. The preacher for the service was Rev. Archie Ratliff of Kinston, North Carolina, who preached a message on "A Call for Excellence" from I Peter 4:1-5.

At the conclusion of the message scores of young people went forward and committed their lives to Christian service. The NYC keynote service was one of the most special and most important times of the convention.

### Monday Evening

Rev. Randy Sawyer, chairman of the Music Department at Southeastern FWB College, Wendell, North Carolina, preached during Monday evening's worship service. The primary text for his sermon was Exodus 33:12-18. He challenged us to seek the face of God just as Moses sought it in the time of the Exodus from Egypt.

### Bible Conference

The annual Bible Conference was held Tuesday morning. Rev. Rick Bowling of Booneville, Mississippi, was the first of two speakers. The title of his sermon was "Let's Get Excited About God's Work." His text was Acts 8:4-8, 26-31. He pointed out that we should be excited about who we are, what God has done for us and His promises for the future.

The second speaker was Rev. David Archer of Glenpool, Oklahoma, who preached one of the most moving and inspiring messages of the entire convention. His text was Luke 19:1-10. He challenged Free Will Baptists to look upon our lost world in the same way that Jesus looked upon Zacchaeus. It was gratifying to see that both these preachers were



*Randy Sawyer (North Carolina).*

supported by large delegations from their churches.

### Tuesday Evening

Rev. James Forlines of Batesville, Arkansas, was the preacher Tuesday evening. The primary text for his sermon was Philippians 2:5-11. From this text he presented three principles of witnessing from Jesus' ministry which are as important today as they were when Jesus gave them: 1. Jesus left safety to reach out to those in need. 2. Jesus left His



*Moderator Ralph Hampton.*

position as a part of the Trinity to become a servant. 3. Jesus sacrificed His life for others.

### *Wednesday Evening*

The final convention worship service was the Wednesday evening missions service. Home and foreign missionaries present were recognized. Chaplain Gerald Mangham of the U.S. Army presented the need for more military chaplains, especially for Reserve and National Guard units.

It was a special pleasure to have at that service Mr. and Mrs. Appia from Côte d'Ivoire. Mr. Appia expressed his thanks to the denomination for sending missionaries to his country to preach the gospel. It is always an honor to welcome Free Will Baptists from other countries and have them share with us.

### *Convention Music*

As it always does, music played an important role in the worship services of Convention '92. The congregational singing was especially good this year. All worship services were well attended and the people joined enthusiastically in song services. Several choirs sang including a special youth choir Sunday evening. The Mass Adult Choir sang Monday evening and the Men's Chorus sang Tuesday evening.

Student ensembles from Free Will Baptist Bible College, Hillsdale FWB College, Southeastern FWB College

and California Christian College sang at worship services and the Bible Conference. Their hard work added much to the spirit of worship. The Men's Trio from First FWB Church of Florence, Alabama, sang at two services and were well received.

An instrumental ensemble composed of young people from across the denomination played the offertory Wednesday evening. Several individuals sang at worship service, including Rhonda Davis, Angie Deel, Pamela Hanes and Bill Gardner. Their talent contributed greatly to the spirit of worship.

A special word of thanks to Jerry Carraway who served as organist and Deena Armstrong who served as pianist.

### *Witnessing in Missions*

Missions, more than any other single thing, is the glue that holds our denomination together. That was evident this year in that all the sermons reflected a missionary theme.

Monday afternoon the Home Missions Department sponsored a Free Will Baptist Camp Meeting. The principal speaker was Alabama pastor J. D. Norris who reminded us that "We need that divine passion for soul-winning which will help us not to quit when others are quitting."

### *Home Missions*

At the Wednesday business session both Home and Foreign Missions presented their reports to the Association. The Home Missions Department reported 76 families of

missionaries, associate missionaries and tentmakers serving in the U.S. and Canada. In addition, 17 Mexican pastors and their families represent Free Will Baptists in Mexico.

Four missionary families were appointed in 1991. Two new states, Wisconsin and Massachusetts, were opened for Free Will Baptists. Nine missionaries started or completed church buildings during the year. The Church Extension Loan Fund grew to \$4.3 million. More than 50 loans have been made to Free Will Baptist churches pastored by home missionaries. Eight Free Will Baptist chaplains minister to the men and women in the U.S. armed forces.

During 1991 income for the Home Missions Department totaled \$2.2 million. The proposed budget for 1993 totaled \$2.5 million.

### *Foreign Missions*

The Foreign Missions Department reported 116 Free Will Baptist missionaries serving on nine different fields as of January 1, 1992. No missionaries can enter Cuba at this time, but the Foreign Missions Department does what it can to assist the work there.

On these foreign fields we have 32 ordained national pastors, 173 licensed and lay preachers, 73 organized churches, 142 mission works, and nine Bible Institutes with 152 students. During 1991 mission churches reported an average Sunday School attendance of 6,064, with 948 converts and 311 baptisms.

Ten young people from the U.S.



*Delegates grin and bear it during registration.*

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spent three weeks in Brazil singing, visiting, witnessing and sharing their faith. They returned home just in time to attend Convention '92. A similar short-term ministry is planned for Panama in 1993.

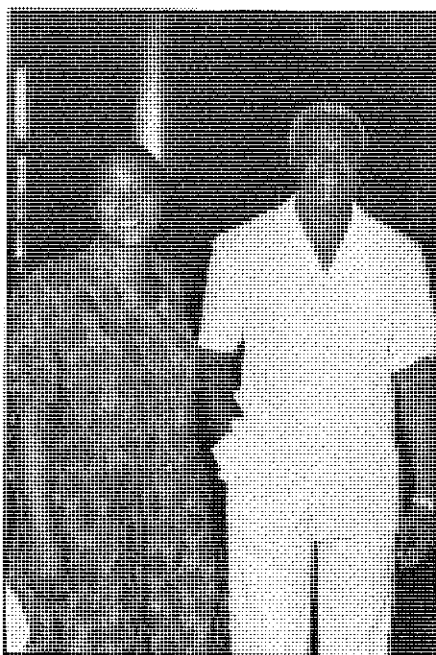
At Convention '92 the Foreign Missions Department presented two financial programs to help provide necessary financial support for missionaries. The *VISION* program is designed to help churches on foreign fields secure funds for building projects. In most cases, funds will be loaned to mission churches. As funds are repaid, they will not be returned to the U.S. but will be loaned to other churches on that field to assist in building projects.

The Fellow Helper's Fund is designed to provide emergency funds to insure that no missionary will be forced to return home because his account is in the red. Under current policies of the Foreign Mission Board, a missionary may be forced to return home when his account is more than \$8,000 in deficit.

During 1991 income for the regular Foreign Missions budget totaled \$3.8 million, expenditures \$4 million. The recommended budget for 1993 is \$4,012,303.

A total of 1,715 churches made contributions to foreign missions during 1991. Thirty-seven churches gave more than \$10,000. Ten states exceeded 1991 suggested quotas: Colorado, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico and Tennessee.

Foreign Missions Director Eugene Waddell thanked the Woman's Na-



*Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Appia, Côte d'Ivoire.*

tional Auxiliary Convention for its generous support of foreign missions. During 1991 WNAC contributed \$182,000 to foreign missions.

During the Wednesday evening missions service, an offering is always received which goes toward our mission work both home and foreign. The offering at Convention '92 totaled \$38,400.

### Witnessing in Business

The Free Will Baptist denomination is big business. Contributions to national agencies in 1991 totaled \$7.8 million. In a day when so many religious organizations and ministries are experiencing scandals and problems in handling money, Free Will Baptists are concerned to give

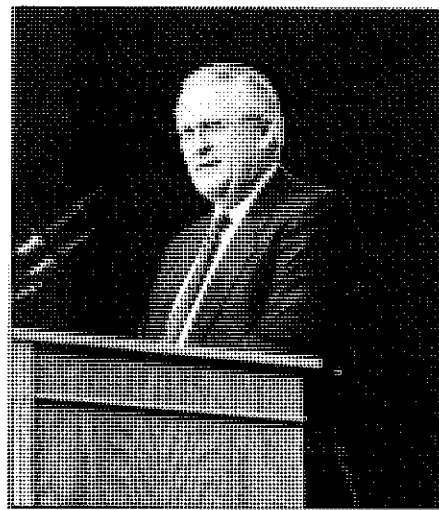
a good witness to the world by maintaining sound financial management.

Every agency is supervised by a board which is responsible to review its income and expenditures. In addition, each agency must present an annual financial report to the National Association. Agency budgets are reviewed by the Budget Committee and approved by the national convention.

Melvin Worthington gave the Executive Office report. He reported that giving to national ministries in 1991 exceeded 1990 giving by \$914,000. Per capita giving rose to \$39.80 in 1991.

### Stewardship Campaign

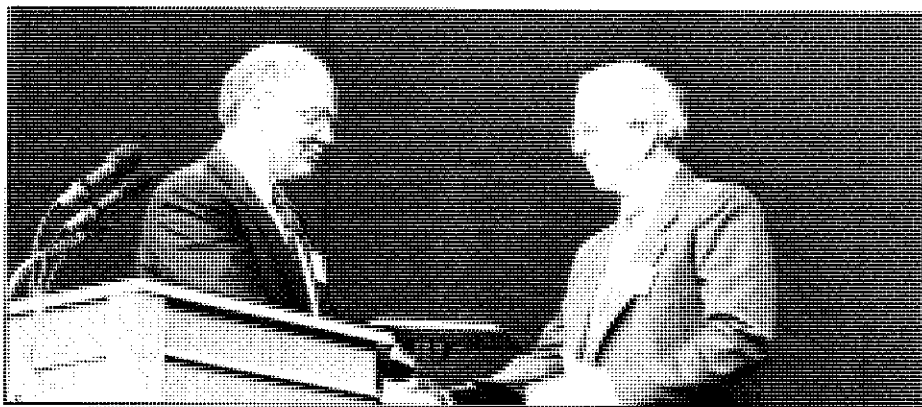
The Capital Stewardship Campaign, "A Million More by '94,"



*Ronald Creech (Tennessee).*

launched January 1, 1992, seeks to liquidate indebtedness on the new National Offices facility. The unique three-year campaign was designed, developed and directed by state leaders. Dr. Worthington reported that \$58,279 had been given toward this project as of June 1992. Seven national agencies moved into the new building August 20, 1991. The facility contains 30,000 square feet of office and storage space. Total cost was \$1.47 million, including the \$800,000 purchase price and \$670,000 build-out.

He also reported that on May 21, 1992, a contract was signed on the Murfreesboro Road property for \$725,000. The proceeds from this



*Bible College president Tom Malone (L) presents plaque to Clarence Burton.*

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Executive Secretary

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sale will be applied to indebtedness on the new building.

### *The Together Way Plan*

During the 1990 national convention, the Budget Committee was instructed to study denominational giving, especially as it relates to the support of the Executive Office. The committee presented a preliminary report in 1991 and recommended that the 1991 Leadership Conference focus on the issue of denominational stewardship. This recommendation was approved, and a considerable amount of time and effort spent in studying the issue.

The Budget Committee presented its final report to Convention '92. It recommended a new program of support to be called "The Together Way Plan." This plan will encourage individuals and churches throughout the denomination to support all agencies of the National Association, including the Executive Office, on an equitable basis.



*Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington.*

Local churches will be asked to support departments and agencies on either a cooperative or a designated basis. Fair Share goals will be set for the support of all agencies, including the Executive Office, and each state will be encouraged to reach these goals, with the understanding that departments continue to promote quotas based on need and experience.



*Mary and Carl Young (Petaluma, California) wait for service to begin.*

### *Four Special Drives*

As a part of this overall stewardship program, the entire denomination will promote four special, annual drives which will be supported by all national agencies. These four annual drives will be held in April, September, November and December. The final part will be a five-year stewardship education program to help Free Will Baptists understand the workings of the denomination and the importance of supporting all agencies.

### *Representation Fee*

This new stewardship program was probably the most important item of business transacted at Convention '92, but it was not the only business. The voting body decided to increase the national representation fee from \$10 to \$25 per church beginning with the 1995 convention. This increase was necessary in order to help provide adequate funds to cover the national convention costs.

Delegates voted that Memphis, Tennessee, will be the meeting site for the National Convention July 21-25, 2002. They also voted to recommend that Free Will Baptist churches that are members of the National Association should clearly identify themselves as Free Will Baptist churches on church signs and other means of communication.

### *Ministerial Discipline*

The National Association in 1991 voted to ask the Executive Committee to examine certain problems

which may arise when ministers who are not in good standing move from one area of the denomination to another. The Executive Committee presented three recommendations which were approved by Convention '92. These recommendations urge all churches and district associations to follow carefully the procedures which are outlined in the *Treatise* for disciplining ministers.

The second recommendation is that names of ministers ordained during the year, ministers who died during the year, ministers whose credentials were ratified during the year, and ministers whose credentials were revoked or reinstated during the year be listed in annual reports sent by district associations to state associations and by state associations to the National Association. These names can then be included in the Minutes.

The third recommendation called



*Wake me when it's over.*

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*U.S. Army Chaplain Gerald Mangham.*

for a change in the wording of the *Treatise* in order to clarify procedures which would be followed when a minister moves from one area to another.

The body voted to add the following words to Chapter II, Section I.E.2 of the Practice division of the *Treatise*: "In general, no association should receive a minister into full ministerial standing who cannot secure a letter of good standing because he has been disfellowshipped or had his credentials revoked or who is in process of being disciplined by another association. In no case should credentials be ratified without consultation with the association that disciplined him."

## Resolutions

Delegates adopted seven resolutions on important issues. The first resolution asks the Executive Committee to re-evaluate the national convention program format to insure that it is meeting the needs of the association.

The second resolution reaffirms the pro-life and anti-abortion stance of our denomination.

The third resolution commends school students who meet around the flagpoles in front of their schools

to pray. This resolution also encourages Free Will Baptist young people to participate in the national "See You at the Pole" effort on September 16, 1992.

The fourth resolution encourages Free Will Baptists to fulfill their civic responsibility by voting and urges them to vote for candidates who would be considerate of Christian values.

The fifth resolution urges our people to voice their opposition to pornography and to participate in boycotts of businesses that distribute it.

The sixth resolution encourages our people to carefully evaluate



*Registration Coordinator George Harvey, Jr.*

charitable organizations before giving to causes outside the local church.

The final resolution commended the people of the Indiana State Association for the excellent job they did in hosting the 56th annual National Association.



*Sometimes the business sessions can weary a former moderator (Bobby Jackson, r.).*



*Trymon Messer pinch hits for Roy Thomas.*

## International Meeting

The Executive Office and the Foreign Missions Department announced that representatives of Free Will Baptist associations from 10 countries will meet in Panama August 24-27. The general theme for this conference will be "Free Will Baptists—United in Worship, Fellowship and Witness." It is hoped that this conference may result in the formation of an International Fellowship of Free Will Baptists which will enable Free Will Baptists from around the world to meet together every three to four years for fellowship, worship and cooperation. Eugene Waddell noted that approximately \$12,000 was needed to cover remaining expenses of this meeting.

Convention '92 considered and decided several important items of business which will influence the course of our denomination for years to come. These decisions and plans will help us be more faithful witnesses to Christ in the future.



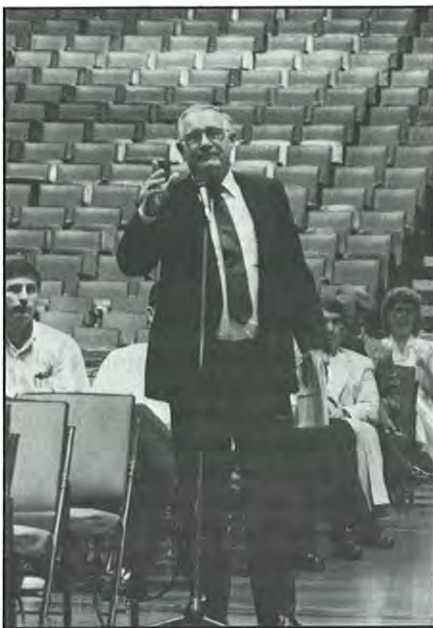
*West Virginia General Board member Carl Vallance (C).*

### Witnessing in Service

We can bear witness by our service to others. That is certainly true of several agencies of the National Association which serve Free Will Baptists.

### Master's Men

The Master's Men Department celebrated its 35th year of service to



*Lonnie Davault (Oklahoma).*

our denomination in 1991. According to Director Jim Vallance, the Master's Hands Project is one of the most important activities of Master's Men. This project encourages Free Will Baptist men and women to volunteer their time to help with needed building projects in this country and

abroad.

To date, this program has saved Free Will Baptists more than \$1 million in building costs. During 1991 Free Will Baptist men and women donated over 5,000 hours of labor to the new National Offices Building in Antioch. In February a group of 14 men traveled to Cuba and helped rebuild and repair the Willey Memorial Chapel at the seminary property. They also donated to Cuban Free Will Baptists about 1,500 pounds of clothing and other materials as well as about \$4,000 worth of tools.

Earlier this year a group of men went to Côte d'Ivoire to help build a youth center, and another group went to Brazil to help with the construction of a new church building. A Master's Hands project in Villalba, Spain, is planned for this fall.

Finances continue to be a serious

problem for Master's Men. Dues have been increased from \$10 to \$20 per year per member, and 680 men have become LifeMembers. Cooperative gifts to Master's Men in 1991 totaled \$26,581.58. In spite of cooperative gifts and funds provided by the membership, Master's Men still operates at a deficit.

Director Vallance reported that the organization ended 1991 with a \$35,000 deficit. Much of this was due to the cost of maintaining office space in the new National Offices Building. He asked churches to support the Master's Men Department on a regular basis.

A Master's Men Congress was formed during Convention '92. This new organization will work in conjunction with the Master's Men Board to develop more effective avenues of ministry for the laymen of our denomination. It will also provide positions of service for more men at the national level.

The officers elected this year were: Moderator—Roy Copeland (Oklahoma), Assistant Moderator—Howard Price (Georgia), Clerk—Harvey Crain (Tennessee) and Assistant Clerk—Ken Nabors (Arkansas).

### Free Will Baptist Bible College

Free Will Baptist Bible College has been an important servant of the denomination since 1942. President Tom Malone reported that 99 new students joined the college family during this past school year. The college opened a new computer lab



*Action at Free Will Baptist Bible College exhibit.*

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with 14 fast 386 computers. He also reported that the Bible Conference last spring was quite successful. Approximately 300 people attended Welcome Days in April.

In his report, Dr. Malone noted that the college is pursuing SACS accreditation at this time. This means that the college will need more professors with doctoral degrees and that some present faculty members will need additional training. While this means greater educational opportunity for students, it also means higher expenses for the college. Malone asked the Free Will Baptist people to keep this in mind and give generously.

He also pointed out that enrollment for this fall is tracking about 10% ahead of last year. The college hopes to enroll 315 students this fall. Plans are underway to re-open Ennis Hall for men students; this space is needed to take care of an expected increase in the number of men students. Total income for the

At the end of 1991, loans to Free Will Baptist churches for building projects constituted 57% of the assets of the department (approximately \$5.2 million). The remaining assets are invested in bonds and other types of investments which are consistent with the policies and guidelines of the denomination. This program makes it possible for Free Will Baptist pastors and other church employees and their families to live more comfortably during their retirement years.

### *FWB Foundation*

The Free Will Baptist Foundation also presented its report. This agency was established to manage trusts which have been set up to benefit Free Will Baptist churches or agencies.

### *Sunday School and Church Training*

The Sunday School and Church Training Department reported in Indianapolis. This agency serves the denomination by producing and dis-

most churches responding were quite satisfied with the literature provided, but a number of comments and suggestions for improvement were made.

Dr. Reeds also announced that Mr. Jim Lauthern resigned as direc-



*Tom Lilly (North Carolina)*

tor of the National Youth Conference after 29 years of service to Randall House. He will be succeeded by Dean Jones who has worked in this area three years. Dr. Reeds also announced his plans to retire when the board selects his successor. Both Jim Lauthern and Roger Reeds are to be commended for their years of service to Free Will Baptists.

Free Will Baptists have four commissions which serve the denomination. These are Commission for Theological Integrity, Radio-Television Commission, Music Commission and Historical Commission. Each of these commissions presented brief reports.

### *Commission for Theological Integrity*

The purpose of the Commission for Theological Integrity is: 1) to alert our people to theological trends that could threaten our theological integrity as a denomination, 2) to prepare materials that will contribute to the continued preservation of the theological integrity of our denomination, and 3) to conduct seminars on subjects which are pertinent to the purpose of the Commission as need and opportunity arise.

During Convention '92 the Commission sponsored a seminar on



*Does Richard Adams look like a grandfather?*

year ending May 31, 1992, was \$2.46 million; expenses for the same period were \$2.44 million. Convention '92 approved a proposed \$2.7 million budget for 1992-93.

### *Board of Retirement*

The Board of Retirement presented its annual report. Director Herman Hersey said that during 1991 pension fund assets increased an average of \$17,940 weekly. Member contributions averaged \$12,205 weekly.

tributing Sunday School literature, CTS literature, books and other materials for use in our churches. It is also responsible for conducting the National Youth Conference. Last year this department reported a sizable operating deficit. An austerity program was instituted, and this year the financial picture was much improved. During 1991 revenues exceeded expenses by \$83,000.

Dr. Roger Reeds, general director, announced results of a survey concerning our Sunday School literature. The survey showed that

"The Bible, Science and the Age of the Earth" which was conducted by Robert Hill, a science instructor at Heritage Christian School in Muncie, Indiana.

### Radio-Television Commission

The Radio-Television Commission produces a 15-minute radio broadcast titled, "Victorious Faith," with Bob Shockey as speaker. These taped radio programs are provided at no charge to Free Will Baptist churches. If the church will purchase air time on a local radio station, the Commission will provide the taped programs.

Chairman Bob Shockey reported that the Commission is considering producing radio spot announcements of three to five minutes in length. The Commission is also able to produce special tapes as needed by the churches of our denomination.

### Music Commission

The Music Commission is charged with the responsibility of encouraging, educating and enlarging the ministry of music in our denomination. The Commission seeks to provide assistance and encouragement



*Raymond Riggs, (Tennessee).*

to individuals, churches and associations in the development of comprehensive music ministries.

This year the Commission announced a 10-year growth plan which includes local and national music workshops, music camps, publishing and recording opportu-

nities, and music education opportunities for our Christian schools, colleges and young people.

### Historical Commission

The Historical Commission is charged with the responsibility to collect and preserve important historical information which relates to our denomination. It also seeks to encourage historical research and



*Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington holds forth in Exhibit Hall - A.*

writing among Free Will Baptists. Commission members are working on 25 brief historical sketches which will be used by the Free Will Baptist Bulletin Service during 1992-93. The Commission continues to make available copies of *The 50-Year Record* which was published in 1988.

### Conclusion

Every National Association meeting is important and every one is different. Convention '92 was a special time of worship, fellowship and hard work. Attendance at a convention such as this is not easy; it means long days and short nights. It requires a great deal of planning and preparation by a large number of people. Yet, it is vital to the work of our denomination and to the ministry of the gospel.

Free Will Baptists have long had a commitment to missions at home and abroad, and that commitment was evident in Indianapolis.

It was also evident that Free Will Baptists take seriously the work of this denomination. The business sessions were well attended. Those

who were there paid careful attention and asked many questions about the new stewardship program and other aspects of the work. Yet, the work of the convention went on in a spirit of unity and purpose. According to Dr. Melvin Worthington, "We exhibited a greater degree of maturity than I have ever seen."

Convention '92 was a good one; we accomplished a great deal. We approved a new stewardship pro-

gram for the first time since 1953. We addressed the issue of funding the convention for the first time since 1983. We accomplished much, but there is still much to accomplish. Let us continue to pray and labor for the success of God's work around the world. ■



*Home Missionary Vergel Maness.*

## Words Worth Remembering

- "Is God a global God? Sure He is."—Richard Bowers
- "Each and every one of us is like one of those two thieves."  
—Mike King
- "What will you do with the rest of your life?"  
—Archie Ratliff
- "We need some broken-hearted, weeping preachers today."  
—J. D. Norris
- "The curse of the ministry today is imitation."  
—Warren Wiersbe
- "Holiness and mercy are not contradictory."  
—Randy Sawyer
- "It's time to get excited, people, about what Jesus has done for us."  
—Rick Bowling
- "A deeper poverty than having your pockets empty is the poverty of having your heart empty."  
—David Archer
- "Jesus was not a demolition expert; He was a restoration expert."  
—David Archer
- "We can be foreign missionaries right here in America."  
—Alton Loveless
- "I never have lived with worry, and I'm not going to start now."  
—Richard Atwood
- "Those who are true soldiers want to be involved in the fiercest battles."  
—James Forlines
- "I am so glad that God is able to do what He said He would do."  
—Ralph Hampton
- "I am excited about Free Will Baptist Bible College."  
—Clarence Burton
- "True faith changes the life and affects the behavior of a man."  
—Van Dale Hudson
- "When the God of this universe speaks, we had all better listen."  
—Ronald Creech

## 1992 Registration

National Convention .....	3,254
Ministers .....	799
Deacons .....	146
Local Church Delegates .....	107
State Delegates .....	110
Home Missionaries .....	89
Foreign Missionaries .....	26
Non-Delegates .....	1,977
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention .....	1,039
National Youth Conference .....	1,826
Total .....	6,119

## 1993 Budgets Adopted

Executive Office .....	\$ 475,423.63
Free Will Baptist Bible College .....	1,025,000.00
Foreign Missions .....	4,379,332.00
Home Missions and Church Extension .....	2,500,000.00
Master's Men .....	146,440.00
Retirement and Insurance .....	371,797.00
Free Will Baptist Foundation .....	38,500.00
Sunday School and Church Training .....	2,401,425.00
Commission for Theological Integrity .....	2,700.00
Historical Commission .....	2,350.00
Music Commission .....	1,600.00
Radio and Television Commission .....	10,900.00
Total .....	\$11,355,467.83



*Home and Foreign Missions staffs count record missionary offering.*

## 1993 Co-op Allocations

The Budget Committee recommends that gifts received through the Cooperative Plan be allocated to the national ministries\* on the following basis:

1. Underwrite the Executive Office Administration Budget above those gifts received directly.

2. Disburse the balance of undesignated funds to the following national ministries according to these percentages:

Free Will Baptist Bible College .....	23 %
Foreign Missions .....	23 %
Home Missions .....	18 %
Board of Retirement and Insurance .....	14 %
Master's Men .....	14 %
Free Will Baptist Foundation .....	6 %
Commission for Theological Integrity .....	0.5 %
Historical Commission .....	0.5 %
Music Commission .....	0.5 %
Radio and Television Commission .....	0.5 %
TOTAL .....	100 %

\* All these ministries receive funds through the Cooperative Plan except the Sunday School and Church Training Department which is self-sustaining.

## Elected in Indianapolis

The following were elected during the 56th annual session of the National Association and will serve until the dates indicated.

### General Officers

Moderator Ralph Hampton (Tenn.)  
Assistant Moderator Carl Cheshier (Ark.)  
Clerk Waldo Young (Okla.)  
Assistant Clerk Keith Burden (Okla.)

### General Board

**1993** Billy Barlow (Kan.)  
Nathan Ruble (Mo.)  
**1994** Vergel Maness (N.J.)  
Earl Jenkins (N.M.)  
Tom Lilly (N.C.)  
Jim Nason (Northeast Assoc.)  
Terry Stafford (Northwest Assoc.)  
Delmar Sparks (Ohio)  
Jack Richey (Okla.)  
Joe Cagle (S.C.)  
Charles Thigpen (Tenn.)  
Thurmon Murphy (Texas)  
Jeff Crabtree (Va.)  
Carl Vallance (W.Va.)

### Executive Committee

**1994** Tom Lilly (N.C.)  
Thurmon Murphy (Texas)  
Jim Nason (Northeast Assoc.)

### Free Will Baptist Bible College Trustees

**1998** Richard Bowers (Ala.)  
Larry Powell (Tenn.)  
Douglas Little (Ark.)

### Foreign Missions Board

**1998** Joe Grizzle (Okla.)  
David Shores (Ill.)  
Dean Dobbs (N.C.)

### Sunday School and Church Training Board

**1996** Dean Stone (Tenn.)  
**1998** Will Harmon (Ark.)  
Edwin Hayes (Ohio)  
Larry Clyatt (Ill.)

### Master's Men Board

**1997** George Bronkhurst (Calif.)

### Board of Retirement

**1993** Henry VanKluyve (N.C.)

### Commission for Theological Integrity

**1997** Leroy Forlines (Tenn.)

### Radio-Television Commission

**1997** Bill Gardner (Tenn.)

### Music Commission

**1997** Douglas Little (Ark.)

### Historical Commission

**1997** Jack Williams (Tenn.)

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### CONVENTION MESSAGES

* 1.	Richard Bowers—Sunday Morning	_____
* 2.	Archie Ratliff—Sunday Evening (NYC Keynote Service)	_____
* 3.	Randy Sawyer—Monday Evening (includes Mass Choir Special)	_____
* 4.	James Forlines—Tuesday Evening	_____
* 5.	Ronald Creech—Wednesday Evening	_____

### CONVENTION BIBLE CONFERENCE

6.	Rick Bowling	_____
7.	David Archer	_____

### SEMINARS

8.	Richard Atwood—Double in a Decade Seminar	_____
9.	Robert Hill—Theological Trends Seminar	_____

### WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

10.	June Critcher—WNAC Seminar	_____
11.	Jean Deeds—WNAC Devotional	_____
* 12.	Steve Riggs—WNAC Missionary Service	_____
13.	"Everything You Wanted to Know About Missionaries"—Special Feature	_____
14.	Trula Cronk—WNAC Fellowship Dinner	_____

### MEET 'N' EAT

15.	Warren Wiersbe—Fellowship of Encouragement <u>Meeting</u>	_____
16.	Warren Wiersbe—Fellowship of Encouragement <u>Dinner</u>	_____
17.	Randy Vader—Music Ministries Breakfast	_____
18.	Alton Loveless—Hillsdale Luncheon	_____
19.	John Zubor—Master's Men Dinner	_____
20.	Van Dale Hudson—Fellowship of Fundamentalists Dinner	_____

### MISCELLANEOUS

21.	J. D. Norris—FWB Camp Meeting	_____
22.	Ralph Hampton—Moderator's Message	_____
23.	Van Paschall—Adult Sunday School Lesson	_____

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# WNAC's Hoosier Convention

By Lorene Miley

**M**ary Neal, WNAC's president, made us glad we came when she extended her arms in Hoosier welcome to her native Indiana. Although Indiana is one of our smaller states with a membership of only 112, they received us royally July 20-21 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. According to the registration re-



*President Mary Neal presides.*

port, 1,039 registered for this 57th annual session with over \$1,000 received in the convention offering.

Pre-convention activities got underway Monday afternoon.

## Back-to-Back Seminars

The women were almost evenly divided Monday afternoon with the larger half gathering to hear June Critcher (TN) speak on a woman's priorities. As usual, June had something to say and said it well.

The other half, about 142, migrated to the Ministers' Wives Fellowship to hear a panel speak on timely issues the wives had suggested. JoAnn Wood (OK) led this discussion with Winona Riggs (TN), Teresa Runion (IN), Sandra Atwood (DE) and Barbara Bilby (OK) participating.

This session with the ministers' wives was so practical some requested it become an annual occasion. Fellowship of Ministers' Wives. Why not?

## State Officers' Meeting

Wide participation and lively discussion characterized this open forum with WNAC's study committee led by June Rolan.

For two years this six-member committee has reviewed the structure of Woman's Auxiliary, evaluated comments from its members, analyzed the needs and feasibility of change. A completed report will be offered for a vote in 1993.

The committee still welcomes your comments. Send them to your state's representative or to Miss Wisehart in the WNAC office, P. O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002. Other committee members are: Diane Thomas (NC), Diana Bryant (FL), June Rolan (CA), Peggy Outland (IL) and Marguerite Kern (OK).

## Tuesday Morning

Over 800 local Auxiliaries from 23 states represented to this session and President Neal seated their delegates to transact business.



*Banquet speaker Trula Cronk.*

The music, coordinated by Angie Deel and accompanied by Susan Forlines and Carol Reid, was exceptionally good. Randy and Beverly Riggs (VA) with their four children, Camille Scott (SC) and FWBBC's Rejoice Ensemble also contributed.

Two mission fields represented among the missionary speakers. Jean Deeds, Brazil, mother of five and grandmother of two, portrayed the theme, "Teachers of Good Things." Steve Riggs, fresh from France, led the 11:00 worship ser-



*Checked flags at Fellowship Dinner headtable.*



Pam Wood (L) interviews Sarah Malone.

vice and challenged us to become partners in prayer.

### Creative Arts Contest Winners

Lorene Miley recognized the 17 creative arts contest winners and presented their awards. Eleven were first-time winners. Those present were: Alice Grant (OH), LaCrecia McFaddin (TN), Barbara Eubanks (IL), Sharon Theis (MI), Glenna Price (WV) and Becky Gwartney (MO).

Becky explained how her mother planned to see her receive her award for the article, "Broken Things," a description of her mother during her illness. However, Mae Fry died just days before the convention.

### A Memorial to Miss Barnard

Trula Cronk, a fellow worker, gave a brief tribute to the memory of our beloved Laura Belle Barnard, our first missionary to India. Mary Ruth Wisehart led in prayer.

### 5% Rescinded

The following resolution passed with almost no opposition: "Whereas the executive committee feels that the 5% administrative fee has caused some disunity among us and whereas our desire is that all of our women be united, be it resolved that in lieu of the 5% administrative fee each local Auxiliary support the WNAC

office with a minimum of \$10 per month."

If any good has come from this it is: WNAC needs our regular, consistent support. The \$10 a month is a suggestion. Each Auxiliary must determine what works best for them—so much per member, raising dues or budgeting a certain amount. At least now we're aware of the need. May God help us meet it.

### Other Decisions

1) Pastor Neto, Brazil, will receive \$1,000 from the Foreign Missions Student Scholarship Fund.

2) Approved an east-west national retreat with the first west retreat scheduled for Glorietta, New Mexico, in 1995. If this works out, Glorietta will host the odd years and Ridgecrest the even years.

3) Auxiliaries support the \$1 Million More by '94 campaign to retire the debt on the national offices.

### Missionary Interviews

Pam Wood (CA), *a la* Johnny Carson, led a missionary interview subtitled, "All You Wanted to Know About Our Missionaries But Were Afraid to Ask." We learned about a new brand of tentmakers among our own: Sarah Malone (IL) is going to China to teach English to university students. Kim Zeiglen (NC) works with the Dennis Heaths in Germany

and teaches in the government school. These areas open up exciting possibilities for short-term workers.

We learned that husband Tommy likes Nancy Hughes' salt and pepper hair color and she doesn't plan to change it.

Pam's last guests were David and Pam Potete, newly-appointed to establish a church in the Chicago area. He urged families to consider relocating to a mission church community and help start a church.

### Fellowship Dinner

Trula Cronk, veteran missionary to India, led her dinner guests from the ridiculous to the sublime. She began with Dr. Seuss's book, *You're Only Old Once* and ended with a love passage from scripture. She admitted being in the last half of her seventh decade, yet managed to quote the entire book of I John.

### What Next?

Next year the convention moves just a few miles down the interstate and stops off in Louisville, Kentucky. We'll elect new officers, vote on the report of the study committee, attend well-planned seminars, hear missionary speakers and experience the sweetest fellowship this side of heaven.

Be sure and come by the WNAC booth and say hello. ■

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ABOUT THE WRITER: Mrs. Lorene Miley is editor of *Co-Laborer* magazine.



Seminar leader June Critcher.

# A Call to Excellence

By Jim Lauthern

**T**he theme, "A Call to Excellence," was featured throughout the four-day National Youth Conference in Indianapolis, July 19-22.

"Phil and Fred's Excellent Adventure Through the Bible" started the conference Sunday morning. This



NYC keynote speaker Archie Ratliff

was presented by members of the Truth and Peace Leadership Conference. It was written and directed by Bryan Pate, a Truth and Peace alumnus. Terry Pierce, pastor and writer of *Lifeline* devotional guide, taught Sunday School for the youth. Mike King, a Hillsdale FWB College student, delivered the morning message.

The Sunday evening youth service featured a youth mass choir of more than 200 voices directed by Jeff Runion, assistant pastor of Peace FWB Church in Indianapolis. Truth and Peace and the National Youth Evangelistic Team presented special music. Rhonda Davis from Purcell, OK, sang before the message. Rhonda was the 1990 and 1991 top vocalist in the high school level of competition.

Archie Ratliff, pastor of Bethel FWB Church in Kinston, NC, delivered the keynote address. His message to the youth was powerful and pointed. The service concluded with an altar full of youth.

Sunday evening's afterservice

event featured the Excellence Games. Youth were placed in 16 groups (countries) and competed in olympic-type events.

Bible Competition and the Music and Arts Festival started Monday morning and continued through Wednesday morning. There were 919 entries compared to 785 in 1991. There were 1,826 youth registering for the conference.

Monday evening's afterservice event for teens was the TEAM Congress. Philip Ledgerwood, recipient of the TEAM Individual Youth Award, challenged youth to reach for excellence.

The TEAM Youth Group Award went to TEAM Brazil '92, 10 teens from across our denomination who spent four weeks ministering in Brazil this summer. They were accompanied by Ken and Marvis Eagleton, former missionaries to Brazil.

TEAM officers for 1992-93 are: Casey Cariker (OK), president; Marcus Brewer (KS), vice-president;

Courtney Gray (TX), secretary. After the TEAM Congress, a program was presented by the newly-organized Oklahoma Youth Evangelistic Team.

Tuesday was another day of competition, with Bible competition down to semi-finalists. Instrumentalists, vocal ensembles, puppeteers and choir/chorales filled competition areas.

During the conference attendees visited the art gallery where Creative Art entries were displayed. They also picked up conference souvenirs at the Xcellent Xchange Sales Booth.

After Tuesday evening's service 1,050 attended the Youth Banquet in the beautiful Indiana Roof Ballroom. The setting and atmosphere were fantastic and the food tasty. The ballroom's special effects transformed the moonlit sky with twinkling stars and floating clouds into a four-minute thunderstorm complete with thunder and lightning.

The 1992 National Youth Evangelistic Team presented their program, "The Highest Call." At the conclusion of the event, some youths took advantage of horse-drawn carriages to deliver them back to their hotels.



Altar fills Sunday evening.

Wednesday morning featured Bible Competition Finals. A full listing of all winners was sent to editors of state papers. You may obtain the listing by writing to NYC Office, P. O.

the national competition leaders. The 1992 National Youth Evangelistic Team was introduced and commended for their excellence in ministry during the summer.

ference of this intensity and magnitude without the assistance of the Truth and Peace Leadership Conference participants. These 72 youth gave life to the planned activities. They were divided into six areas of responsibility for the conference. These were: human resources, children's activities, stage crew, video production, sales booth and registration. They did a super job! Participants had been in leadership training two weeks prior to the National Youth Conference.

At the conclusion of the conference several awards were presented. The youth selected Philip Ledgerwood and Stephani McElhaney for Best All-Around Awards. The NYC staff selected Stephen Taylor and Stephani McElhaney for Outstanding Leadership Awards. Recognition was also given to Sarah Malone and Sam and June McVay for their involvement in the leadership conference since the first year in 1984.

Special appreciation is given to all pastors, parents, youth leaders and coaches who work with the youth. A special thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who helped during the past years at the National Youth Conference.

I personally thank you for the support and encouragement you have given me over the years. Greater things are in store as Dean Jones assumes the role of NYC director for 1993. ■

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ABOUT THE WRITER: Jim Lauthern directed the National Youth Conference in Indianapolis.



*Fortress performs musical drama.*

Box 17306, Nashville, TN 37217.

East Side FWB Church in Elizabethton, TN, won the Bible Tic Tac Toe competition. The Red Bay, Alabama, team won the national Bible Bowl competition for the third straight time.

Two new areas of competition began this year: Turning Point, a Bible-related individual competition open to the junior high level and Horizon, for the senior high youth. Two pre-testing times determined finalists. The top three finalists in each level competed in the final round. David Payne (FL) won Turning Point and Marcus Brewer (KS) won Horizon. Study packets for 1993 are available from Randall House Publications.

Wednesday afternoon programming centered around the family. Fortress, a group of five young married couples, presented the musical drama, "Bind Us Together." Ken Riggs spoke to adults and his son, Kevin, spoke to the teens. Kevin Justice, youth leader at Fellowship FWB Church in Antioch, TN, led the youth in a session of Family Feud. Paul Allen (OK) led a panel of state competition leaders in a discussion concerning district and state competition.

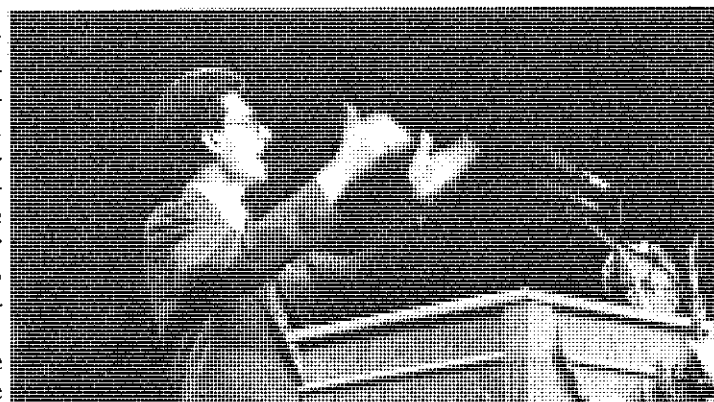
Wednesday evening's Awards Celebration convened after the evening service. All Bible Competition winners were introduced by

The 1993 National Youth Evangelistic Team was announced. These 12 high school youth from eight states were the top scorers in the 1992 Music and Arts Festival. They are: Leslie Brown (TX), Tyler Brown (IL), Adam Carnes (AL), Tim Ferguson (IL), Nikki Ford (MS), Courtney Gray (TX), Gina Henry (OK), John Kannady (OK), Monte McKenzie (SC), Farris Nix (GA), Leslie Raper (AL), and Joni Scott (FL).

One by one, winners were announced and walked across the stage for special recognition. Congratulations to all the youth who entered the competitive activities. You are all winners!

Children's activities coordinated by Lisa Jones had their own theme, "To Be Like Jesus." Afternoon and evening activities featured excellence games, storytelling, films, videos, sing-a-longs, crafts and other types of programming. The Monday afternoon Children's Banquet was presented by the children's choir from Peace FWB Church in Indianapolis.

It would have been impossible to conduct a con-



*Jeff Runion directs singing.*

# FREE WILL BAPTIST NEWSFRONT

## Clarence Burton Retires



LEBANON, MO—After 17 years as Missouri's executive secretary, Reverend Clarence Burton announced his retirement effective July 31, 1992. Burton stated that he will not actually retire,

since beginning in September he will be working part-time for the Missouri State Association with a stewardship program.

He said, "I have done some work in this area, which is deferred giving and estate planning, but this will give time to expand and strengthen it."

During the 65-year-old minister's tenure, he led Missouri Free Will Baptists to build a state office as well as a Bible bookstore in Lebanon. A feasibility study is underway relative to building a conference center/family life facility on land which has already been purchased.

Under Burton's leadership, the state youth ministries program enlarged and a senior adult ministry began. Mr. Burton said

he considered the steady increase in the state budget "as important as anything else" in his work. Through cooperative giving the budget was met and exceeded each year.

Clarence and Vivian Burton plan to retire in Lebanon where they have lived 17 years. During that time Mrs. Burton worked as receptionist for the state office.

Reverend Burton was licensed to preach the gospel 40 years ago in 1952. He pastored 23 years in Tennessee, Arkansas and Missouri before assuming his executive secretary duties.

He also served on national boards (Sunday School and Free Will Baptist Bible College). He moderated the Missouri State Association 1970-1973.

## Indiana Recommends Pastor's Conference

NEW CASTLE, IN—Following the lead of Promotional Secretary Jim Mullen, delegates to Indiana's 32nd annual state association recommended that the National Association start a Pastor's Conference in 1993. The vote called for the conference to be held in conjunction with the national convention, to elect its own officers, to plan its own program and to include a Pastor's Dinner.

More than 150 people attended the June 19-20 session at First Bible FWB Church in New Castle. Moderator Robert Helms

led the business sessions.

Treasurer Richard Byers reported that Indiana had surpassed its \$10,000 goal to host the 1992 National Association. Jim Mullen told delegates they would be receiving information concerning the Capital Stewardship Campaign after the national convention.

Youth Camp coordinator Doug Phillips reported 19 conversions at the 1991 camp. He also reported that camp officials voted to re-name the Best Boy and Girl Campers awards to honor Henry and Imogene Pat-

terson. The camp service award was renamed the Chris and Linda Hummel award.

Two sermons highlighted the worship sessions. Pastor Bobby Webb (First FWB Church, Wabash) preached the opening sermon Friday evening. Host pastor Jim Mullen preached Saturday morning.

The 1993 session will meet June 17-18 at Emmanuel FWB Church in Wabash.

## Missouri Names Ruble Executive Secretary



LEBANON, MO—A 53-year-old St. Louis pastor, Reverend Nathan Ruble, has been named executive secretary for Missouri Free Will Baptists. Ruble succeeds Clarence Burton who retired after 17 years in that position. Mr. Ruble assumed his duties August 1, 1992. He was elected April 6 by the Missouri General Board.

Reverend Ruble who was pastor of Fourth FWB Church in St. Louis at the time of his election, was licensed to preach in 1968, and ordained in 1971. He is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and has pastored

in Arizona, Washington and Missouri. He served a three-year term as state moderator and chairs the Senior Adult Ministries Board.

Rev. Clarence Burton said, "The Executive Committee, which was the search and contact committee, considered other good men, along with Brother Ruble, for the position. After much prayer and consideration they recommended Brother Ruble to the General Board. The General Board elected him. Brother Ruble comes well qualified for this ministry. He has served in the Missouri State Association for several years, and is familiar with the function of the state and national ministries. He has my prayers and support, and I believe that the pastors of Missouri will support him."

Nathan Ruble's home town is Lebanon where he graduated from Lebanon High School. He is married to Judith Kay (Davis) Ruble. They have two children, Mrs. Deborah Hise, and a son, Billy, who is preparing for the ministry.

## Canada to Plan Men's Retreat

SOMERVILLE, NB, CANADA—Delegates to Atlantic Canada's District Association voted approval for a men's retreat, according to Clerk Vera Dewitt. The Executive Committee will act on behalf of the association to organize a future retreat geared for laymen, ordained deacons and ministers.

In other action, delegates requested that ordained clergy give direction for updating the association's constitution and by-laws so that it reflects current resolutions, amendments and other decisions. Delegates also elected Oral McAfee to his

first full term as moderator.

The June 25-27 meeting at St. John Valley Bible Camp included a Bible conference as well as business session. Evangelist Calvin Evans of Pedro, Ohio, was guest speaker. Evans is president of Evangelistic Outreach Ministries.

Canadian pastors agreed to support a six-day crusade in November 1993 with Oklahoma executive secretary Connie Cariker as guest speaker.

The 1993 session will meet June 24-27 at St. John Valley Bible Camp.

## Virginia Focuses on Eschatology

ROANOKE, VA—Delegates to Virginia's 54th annual state association heard eight sermons on the association theme, "Can He Come in '92?" Clerk Walter Statzer said Free Will Baptist Bible College president Tom Malone began the eschatology preaching on Thursday. Other speakers included Fred Bates, E. T. Darnell, Willis Osborne, Gary Rowlette, Glen Johnson, Jeff Crabtree and Bruce Brewer.

The June 18-19 meeting convened at First FWB Church in Roanoke. Moderator Daniel Merkh led the session and was re-elected to a second term. Eighteen ministers and 11 lay delegates registered for the meeting.

The 1993 session will meet June 17-18 at First FWB Church in Roanoke.

## Northwest Honors Snowders

EUGENE, OR—Delegates to the 29th annual Northwest District Association paused in the May 15-16 business session to honor two of their own for faithful service. Ernest and Neakita Snowder were recognized for 35 years of service to the Northwest Association. The Snowders are from Yakima, Washington.

Fifty-three people registered for the meeting at Northside FWB Church in Eugene. Moderator Terry Stafford led the session.

Two ministers preached sermons during the two-day meeting: Darrell Smith, pastor of Oregon Trail FWB Church in Portland, Oregon, and Roy Thomas, director of the Home Missions Department.

The 1993 session will meet May 14-15 at First FWB Church in Salem, Oregon.

## Kentucky Names 1993 Steering Committee

LOUISA, KY—Delegates to Kentucky's 53rd annual state association authorized a six-man steering committee to plan the 1993 National Association which meets in Louisville. Committee members include co-chairmen plus four committee leaders.

Co-Chairmen	— Tim York Richard Van Hoose
Hospitality Committee	— Bill Roberts
Prayer Committee	— Dennis Kizzire
Registration Committee	— Lincoln Varney
Usher Committee	— Tim Hall

Clerk James Hayes said more than 260 people attended the June 19-20 meeting at Bell's Chapel FWB Church in Louisa. Moderator Richard Van Hoose was elected to a fifth term.

Two sermons highlighted the meeting. James Kelly Caudill, pastor of Tom's Creek FWB Church, and J. M. Chapman, a Pikeville minister preached.

Delegates elected 10 members to the state Executive

Board, one member from each conference. These, along with standing board chairmen and the state moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and treasurer comprise the Executive Board.

Clerk James Hayes said, "The Spirit of God blessed our association. We had cooperation and no visible signs of friction."

The 1993 session meets June 19-20 at Inez FWB Church in Inez.

## Missouri Sets \$338,000 Co-op Budget

LEBANON, MO—When the final gavel fell on Missouri's 79th annual state association, the 700 delegates and visitors had approved a \$338,000 Cooperative Plan budget for 1993, according to Clerk Kent Hubbard. Some \$234,000 will fund in-state ministries, including \$62,000 for Missouri Home Missions. Another \$103,000 will fund national ministries.

Moderator Cody Freeman completed his third term. Del-

egates elected Mountain Grove pastor Gary Fry as the new moderator.

In other action, delegates gave a vote of gratitude to outgoing executive secretary Clarence Burton and a vote of confidence to his successor, Nathan Ruble. A cash love offering of \$9,300 was presented to the Burtons for 17 years of service.

The association theme, "Doubling in a Decade: Fulfilling the Commission," was addressed in

four sermons by Missouri pastors. The speakers included Jeff Gaskins (Grant Avenue FWB Church, Springfield), Wesley Rider (First FWB Church, Cape Girardeau), Sterl Paramore (First FWB Church, Flat River) and Charles Miller (First FWB Church, Desoto).

The 1993 state association will meet June 7-10 in Kansas City.

## West Virginia Re-Elects Varney

PARKERSBURG, WV—Delegates had to authorize a constitutional change in order to do it, but the West Virginia State Association voted Moderator J. L. Varney in for a third consecutive term. The vote allows a moderator to serve as long as the delegates continue to elect him in two-year terms.

Clerk Norwood Webb said that 380 people gathered for the 47th annual state association which met June 12-13 at Hope FWB Church in Parkersburg. Seventy ministers registered.

Delegates adopted a \$150,000 state cooperative plan budget,

with 97 percent designated for in-state projects. Cooperative funds will be disbursed according to the following percentages: General Fund—28%, C. E. Board—4%, Promotional Director—25%, State Paper—10%, Mission Board—30%, National Co-op—3%.

In other action, delegates created a state Master's Men Board, recognized ministers who have served 30 or more years, and presented a \$7,000 check for state foreign missions. They also adopted a resolution urging members to write state senators and representatives oppos-

ing legislature to use fetal tissue for research.

Three ministers preached sermons developing the association theme, "We Are the Keys." They included pastors Jerry Casteel and Martin Corbin, and Home Missions staffer Richard Adams.

The 1993 session will meet June 11-12 at Sophia FWB Church in Sophia.

## Calvert to Lead North Carolina

DURHAM, NC—Pastor William H. Calvert (First FWB Church, Gastonia) was elected moderator of the North Carolina State Association during the 30th annual session which met June 8-9 at Shady Grove FWB Church in Durham. Calvert, 61, succeeds former moderator Dann Patrick who completed two terms in the office.

Reverend Calvert began his pastoral career in 1954. He has served churches in North and South Carolina. He became pastor of First FWB Church in Gastonia in 1962. Mr. Calvert has served in numerous local and state offices, including the state Executive Board and Youth Board.

Clerk Gerald Fowler said 205 registered for the two-day meeting. That includes 112 ministers and 40 lay delegates.

Delegates passed resolutions opposing the lottery in North Carolina and re-affirming opposition to homosexuality. They also recognized Nate and Becky Ange for going self-supporting in the mission work at Cary. Delegates voted a resolution of thanks for Dann Patrick as outgoing moderator.

Four ministers preached during the meeting: Dann Patrick, Howard Messer, Gordon Sebastian and Carl Nelson.

The 1993 session will meet June 7-8 at Tabernacle FWB Church in Kinston.

## Pastor Likes 'Nine to Noon'

VERO BEACH, FL—One year ago members of Ryanwood Fellowship FWB Church in Vero Beach voted to make their "nine to noon" Sunday experiment permanent, according to Pastor Randy Bryant. The revised worship schedule has been received well by members: Sharing and Exhortation—9:00 a.m.; Sunday School—10:10 a.m.; Service of Praise—11:00 a.m.

Pastor Bryant said, "The 9:00 service is much like our evening service used to be, a little less formal with testimonies and sharing time. Our Service of Praise includes more praise choruses and tries to emphasize worship."

Bryant said that many older members welcomed the change because they do not have to drive at night. The pastor also has more time with his family, something he had found difficult to do previously since he works a secular job also.

Bryant said the new worship format "seems to help in using two-part messages on Sunday. Not much is lost between the services."

## 650 Attend Ohio Association

COLUMBUS, OH—More than 650 attended the 54th annual Ohio State Association June 25-27 at Heritage Temple FWB Church in Columbus. That included 88 registered ministers and lay delegates.

Moderator Edwin Hayes, re-elected to his fifth term, led the business sessions. Delegates adopted a \$1 million state budget and also voted to pay Ohio's share of the National Office building indebtedness.

Three ministers preached sermons developing the association theme, "Presenting

Christ to a Lost World." Speakers included Pastor Robert Mead of Forest Valley FWB in Springfield, Pastor William Chadwick of North FWB Church in Columbus, and Eugene Waddell, director of the Foreign Missions Department.

State Auxiliary officials reported an attendance increase from 108 to 209 in their one-day session which precedes the state meeting.

The 1993 state association will meet June 25-26 at Heritage Temple FWB Church in Columbus.

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## CURRENTLY...

There's a new member of the Greater Springfield Association in **Missouri**. It's **First FWB Church in Republic**. The group formerly associated with the Fundamental Methodist Church, but recently voted to affiliate with Free Will Baptists. **Tony Butcher** pastors.

Members of **Hurryville FWB Church** in **Farmington, MO**, helped Rev. **James Barker** celebrate 50 years in the ministry. He received several plaques, letters of commendation and verbal praise.

Seventeen laymen came from area states and conducted a "Lay Witness Mission" weekend at **Butterfield FWB Church** in **Aurora, IL**. Pastor **Daryl Ellis** said there was a new spirit of commitment and dedication among the people.

Pastor **Dan Martin** reports seven new members at **Waltonville FWB Church** in **Waltonville, IL**.

Rev. **Guy Terry**, a Free Will Baptist minister for 33 years, died April 23. He served four churches in **Illinois** as well as camp manager at the campground in **Benton**. He was 71.

This time last year **Sarah Malone** taught 5th and 6th grades at Bethel Christian Academy, a Free Will Baptist school in **South Roxana, IL**. This fall she is teaching English in a university in China. Malone serves under a group called ELIC (English Language Institute China) and as an associate missionary with the FWB Foreign Missions Department.

The **Northwest Association's** Women's Retreat met in **Auburn, WA**, with 33 women attending. The theme for the annual convention was "Around the World in 20 Hours." It focused on all eight FWB foreign mission fields. The group's project for the coming year is the Crosby account. The Crosbys serve in Spain.

Members of **New Hope FWB Church** in **Kent, WA**, put down earnest money on a triple-wide modular building, according to Pastor **Lloyd Plunkett**. The three-year-old building had been a church with another group.

Congratulations to Pastor **Bobby Shepherd** and members of **First FWB**

**Church** in **Batesville, AR**. The group paid off their building indebtedness incurred in 1990. In addition to paying off the \$40,000 indebtedness, the group also raised another \$105,000 for building purposes.

Members of **First FWB Church** in **Richmond, VA**, marked their 40th anniversary, according to Pastor **Dan Merkh**. Rev. Merkh is the ninth minister to serve the church; he has pastored there since 1975. Through efforts of layman **M. E. Howard**, the church organized April 26, 1952, and called **Roy O'Donnell**, a student at FWBBC as interim pastor. The present building was erected in 1973. In 1976 the church purchased a 36-acre tract adjoining its property.

Pastor **Earl Hendrix** said members burned the mortgage note on all the church buildings at **First FWB Church, Inman, SC**. The group also completed the Julie Maffaffey Academic Building which gives five additional Sunday School classrooms as well as needed space for Inman Christian Academy.

Sheriff **Cecil Eugene Cyrus** was shot and killed in the line of duty at **Oil Springs, KY**, on March 18. He was sheriff of Johnson County, Kentucky, and a member of **Tom's Creek FWB Church** in **Nippa**. Pastor **James Caudill** said the sheriff left behind the testimony of a man who loved God, family, his church and those he served.

Fire destroyed a van owned by the **FWB Home for Children** in **Greeneville, TN**. The van had been a recent purchase to meet necessary transportation needs of the home. The home owns four vans but another is needed because of the fire.

Members of **First FWB Church** in **Tulsa, OK**, celebrated 72 years of service to the community on June 14. Pastor **Joe Wilson** said 366 people attended the event. Former pastor **Kent Hubbard** preached the morning message, Oklahoma executive secretary **Connie Cariker** preached the afternoon message. The church also reports 14 conversions, eight baptisms and steady growth in recent months.

**Selma FWB Church** in **Selma, CA**,

dedicated a new 280-seat sanctuary, according to Pastor **Charles Roam**. Executive Secretary **Nuel Brown** said, "This is a beautiful church building built with the future in mind."

Pastor **Doyle Pruett** challenged members of **North Spartanburg FWB Church** in **Inman, SC**, to pay off a \$40,000 mortgage on the church parsonage in three years. The people responded generously and paid off the note in one year. Congratulations!

Just over a year ago members of **Thomas Memorial FWB Church** in **Huntington, WV**, called **Stuart Snow** as pastor. Twelve months later the church reports 40 conversions, 14 new members, 15 baptisms and Sunday School attendance that surged from 85 to 105.

Rev. **Carter L. Brewer**, a Free Will Baptist minister for 28 years, died at age 58 of complications following open heart surgery. He had pastored churches in Mississippi, Oklahoma and Alabama. At the time of his death, he was a member of **Fellowship FWB Church** in **Richton, MS**.

Here's a church that has taken the Double in a Decade theme seriously. **Oak Grove FWB Church** in **Greeneville, TN**, has grown from less than 100 in attendance to an average of 250. In the past 18 months the church received 82 new members with a high attendance of 488. **Randy Tipton** pastors.

Members of **Shallowford FWB Church** in **Marrietta, GA**, dedicated their new building, according to Pastor **Ronald Wallace**. The structure seats 300 people with a fellowship hall, conference room, pastor's study and 17 Sunday School rooms. The church started in 1980 as a mission project of the Georgia State Mission Board. ■

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State	Goal	Gifts
Alabama	\$ 97,290.00	\$ 1,000.00
Arizona	1,565.00	1,800.00
Arkansas	97,880.00	13,002.21
Atlantic Canada	2,000.00	.00
California	21,925.00	.00
Colorado	1,005.00	505.00
Florida	26,365.00	.00
Georgia	48,620.00	5,451.00
Hawaii	235.00	.00
Idaho	450.00	.00
Illinois	20,600.00	.00
Indiana	10,020.00	500.00
Iowa	340.00	.00
Kansas	1,640.00	.00
Kentucky	45,150.00	.00
Louisiana	120.00	1,020.00
Maryland	8,675.00	.00
Michigan	19,250.00	1,553.00
Mississippi	19,815.00	.00
Missouri	77,025.00	9,743.44
Montana	35.00	50.00
Nebraska	130.00	.00
New Mexico	760.00	.00
North Carolina	75,285.00	1,250.00
Northeast Assoc.	1,125.00	.00
Northwest Assoc.	1,385.00	.00
Ohio	52,115.00	.00
Oklahoma	117,505.00	.00
South Carolina	23,350.00	.00
Tennessee	100,040.00	17,775.00
Texas	14,705.00	3,110.00
Virginia	30,975.00	.00
West Virginia	58,840.00	320.00
Other	23,780.00	1,200.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$58,279.65</b>

**Cooperative Channel Contributions**  
**June 1992**

**RECEIPTS:**

State	Designated	CO-OP (Undesignated)	Total	June'91	Yr. To Date
Alabama	\$ 188.37	\$ 30.00	\$ 218.37	\$ 326.48	\$ 2,227.41
Arizona	.00	50.90	50.90	373.95	1,901.30
Arkansas	7,504.10	.00	7,504.10	4,838.85	53,199.45
California	100.00	2,237.08	2,337.08	2,176.42	6,611.94
Colorado	505.00	.00	505.00	.00	505.00
Delaware	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Florida	169.72	1,249.55	1,419.27	1,194.50	8,027.49
Georgia	13,900.02	2,520.85	16,420.87	8,015.29	71,660.42
Hawaii	.00	.00	.00	.00	221.00
Idaho	.00	.00	.00	.00	89.86
Illinois	5,633.73	1,979.67	7,613.40	7,833.53	43,298.03
Indiana	691.90	150.75	842.65	531.10	4,562.77
Kansas	100.00	72.00	172.00	35.21	494.68
Kentucky	410.84	75.53	486.37	310.66	1,332.06
Louisiana	.00	.00	.00	.00	900.00
Maryland	.00	1,077.07	1,077.07	.00	3,506.54
Michigan	11,338.01	2,602.68	13,940.69	2,954.93	71,694.91
Mississippi	73.44	894.57	968.01	215.55	3,250.17
Missouri	21,208.16	.00	21,208.16	.00	69,419.48
Montana	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
New Jersey	.00	.00	.00	.00	30.00
New Mexico	.00	.00	.00	1,258.04	71.08
North Carolina	2,946.00	600.00	3,546.00	1,260.24	11,434.68
Ohio	415.11	2,242.00	2,657.11	3,208.00	16,061.80
Oklahoma	31,438.05	8,844.44	40,282.49	40,054.67	272,375.03
South Carolina	15,907.28	292.48	16,199.76	.00	105,181.17
Tennessee	4,774.49	1,229.36	6,003.85	3,738.09	50,222.70
Texas	13,416.40	1,080.16	14,496.56	11,276.61	41,431.45
Virginia	310.08	25.00	335.08	.00	2,164.94
West Virginia	3,901.16	126.19	4,027.35	1,397.38	27,139.77
Canada	.00	80.51	80.51	.00	80.51
Northwest Assoc.	50.00	.00	50.00	.00	199.81
Other (Computer)	.00	(.01)	(.01)	.03	.07
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$134,981.86</b>	<b>\$27,460.78</b>	<b>\$162,442.64</b>	<b>\$90,999.53</b>	<b>\$869,295.52</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Executive Office	\$ 12,619.05	\$ 12,704.04	\$ 25,323.09	\$ 21,621.28	\$ 151,938.56
Foreign Missions	72,889.36	3,394.05	76,283.41	46,330.12	437,633.18
FWBBC	6,664.36	3,394.05	10,058.41	2,971.32	48,859.78
Home Missions	25,195.46	2,656.22	27,851.68	15,199.42	142,615.74
Retirement & Insurance	1,026.11	2,065.95	3,092.06	734.99	13,739.05
Master's Men	1,048.69	2,065.95	3,114.64	713.78	13,961.52
Commission for					
Theo. Integrity	55.42	73.77	129.19	55.40	613.15
FWB Foundation	1,001.08	885.44	1,886.52	610.02	8,127.53
Historical Commission	51.84	73.77	125.61	52.85	590.53
Music Commission	40.14	73.77	113.91	25.38	486.45
Radio & TV Commission	40.14	73.77	113.91	44.34	532.00
Hillsdale FWB College	1,677.69	.00	1,677.69	2,177.52	6,491.53
Other	12,672.52	.00	12,672.52	463.11	43,706.50
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By Dr. Robert Woodard, Pastoral Studies Director

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Does this mean that God no longer loves the world? Or that Christ's death was not meant for people of our day? Hardly so. God's heart is still in missions. And the Great Commission is just as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago. The problem is not with God. It is with us.

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When it comes to missions, most Christians—myself included!—are limited in focus and lacking in passion.

Somehow our "belief" in missions does not match our "behavior" about missions. Our priorities are distorted. Our vision blurred. And our zeal abated. Simply put, missions is not in the "first things" category of our lives.

Perhaps, as someone has suggested, today's church suffers from too many "worldly" Christians and not enough "world" Christians. From too many spectators and not enough imitators of those early Christians who "turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6) for Jesus Christ.

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Did you make a gift to each of the commissions and departments last year? You did if you made gifts to NMO. Too many did not. Every department and commission has a role to play in our ministry. All of us cannot see the importance of each one. Gideon had his detractors, too, even before mentioning using clay pots, torches, trumpets and shouts to win the victory. But God sometimes chooses to use corporate wisdom rather than individual wisdom. We acknowledge that with our majority form of church government. The NMO is another good Free Will Baptist idea that shows how we work together to do the job God has given us. ■

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## HOME MISSIONS

*A Wisconsin Family Affair!*

By Roy Thomas

The Carlie Lloyd family made it a family affair as they traveled among Free Will Baptist churches to raise their support as home missionaries to Wisconsin. Carlie and Margaret Lloyd were accompanied by their four children—Rachel, Rebekah, Stephen and Timothy—during months of itinerate services. As the family sang and Carlie preached, they won the hearts of Free Will Baptist people in Michigan, Tennessee, Florida and other places.

In order for the entire family to travel, Margaret home schooled (or car schooled!) the children over the miles of itinerate travel. The children were a vital part of the itinerate as they sang and played musical instruments in the services and assisted their parents in other ways.

The Lloyds arrived in Madison on May 12 and began to lay a foundation for the new church. They found an upstairs apartment, which is not ideal for a family of six, but housing is limited and expensive in Madison. However, the Lloyds believe the Lord led them not only to the section of the city, but to the very place He wants them to love. The apartment complex has provided the new church a nice meeting room at no charge. This room is available for Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night services, as well as a Tuesday Bible club and a Christian film every other Thursday. This is a tremendous savings for the new church.

Twenty people attended "Get Acquainted Meetings" which were held on week nights to gather a nucleus. Grand opening services were held at the new West Madison Free Will Baptist Church, Madison, Wisconsin on Sunday, June 28. This was an historic occasion, because until that date there were no Free Will Baptist churches in the entire state of Wisconsin.

It was again a family affair as the Lloyd family

knocked on more than 2,200 doors in preparation for the grand opening service. They found that most of the people are Roman Catholic and Lutheran, and not very receptive to messengers of the gospel. No one invited them into their homes. However, parts of 16 families have attended the worship services.

Not many churches in the area have services

on Sunday evenings. Most area churches are ritualistic, cold and formal with no evangelistic outreach programs. Church attendance among the 500,000 people in Madison is low. Carlie says, "This is like a foreign mission field, but these are souls for whom Christ died, and someone needs to tell them. I am glad

that God chose me and my family for the task."

Carlie and Margaret Lloyd and their children are to be commended for their faith and dedication in going to this huge, isolated, cold, northern capital city in a state with no Free Will Baptist churches. May their example inspire others to choose a large metropolitan area and make it a family affair to plant a new Free Will Baptist church. ■





## RANDALL HOUSE PUBLICATIONS

### Recovery

By Roger C. Reeds

I reported to the National Association while it was in session at Indianapolis, Indiana, that our department (Randall House Publications) was on the road to recovery. In fact, we are calling the budget year 1992, *The Year of Recovery*. The budget submitted for 1993 was called *The Recovery Continues*. These two fiscal years should see our debt drastically reduced. The recovery actually began during our past fiscal year as we turned a comfortable profit for the year's operation.

Recovery means that we can continue with plans to improve curriculum. This fall you will see two colors throughout the contents of all our curriculum. You will also be able to order *The Bible Teacher* and *Bible Scholar* on cassettes. The sixth volume of our commentaries has been printed.

We shall take every step necessary to improve the contents of all our curriculum. The recent survey we took revealed that people were rather well-satisfied with our curriculum. Several suggestions were made and these are being considered for implementation.

Recovery does not mean that we shall throw caution to the breeze. Because of declining attendance in Sunday School, we shall continue to be cautious. We must and will be careful with expenditures.

Further recovery will come if we can catch the vision of growth in our Sunday Schools. Our people must come back to Sunday School. Our people must come back to studying the Bible in Sunday School. Some Sunday Schools have decided that they prefer topical studies to biblical studies. If this is done at all, it should only be temporary. Topical studies can lead pupils away from a care and concern for scriptural studies.

Additional recovery can come if there is a concern for supporting the additional ministries of Randall House. These ministries include our Youth Division and our Spanish Division.

If every Free Will Baptist church would use the literature produced by their own publishing house, recovery could be facilitated. How tragic it is when churches lose their concern for doctrinal purity and begin to use generic literature published by an independent publisher. I make no apology for our commitment to keep our literature filled with sound doctrine.

Thanks to all of you who have been faithful in supporting us with your prayers and curriculum orders. Together we can go on to do greater things for our Lord. Divided we will backslide into oblivion. ■

### BEYOND BELIEF



## Saved by Grace

Anthony A. Hoekema

(Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1989, 277 pp., hardback, \$22.95)

**F**or many years Anthony A. Hoekema taught systematic theology at Calvin Theological Seminary. He wrote seven books and came to be regarded as one of the most knowledgeable and insightful interpreters of Reformed theology in America.

This volume focuses on the doctrine of salvation. Hoekema emphasizes that salvation is by the grace of God and not a result of human works or human effort. He recognizes that man does have a role in salvation, but he sees that role as a very limited one as Calvinistic writers generally do.

The most appealing thing about this volume is the author's careful analysis of such key terms and concepts as regeneration, conversion, repentance, faith, justification and

sanctification. His discussion of the Holy Spirit's role in salvation is most insightful. Every chapter demonstrates the depth and breadth of Hoekema's scholarship as well as his high regard for the Bible.

He analyzes each of these terms and concepts from a biblical perspective. He lists and discusses key scripture passages and points out clearly the biblical basis for each doctrine. He also surveys outstanding books which have been written in each subject area and the views which they present.

Free Will Baptists will find much in this book from which we can benefit. There are, however, two areas where we will differ from it significantly. The author defends unconditional election and irresistible grace. He also argues that "those

who have true faith can lose that faith neither totally nor finally" (p. 234).

We believe that biblical teachings do not support such positions. The scriptures invite all men to be saved, not just the elect; they give many examples of men who have resisted the grace of God in salvation, and they contain many warnings that believers must not make shipwreck of their faith.

In spite of the fact that we disagree with the author in these important areas, this is a good book and we should make use of it. It is one of the clearest, most comprehensive and most readable treatments of the subject of salvation which is available today. ■



Thomas Marberry

### Directory Update

#### ALABAMA

Roger Bennett to First Church, Ethelsville

#### CALIFORNIA

John Foster to Farmersville Church, Farmersville from Corcoran Church, Corcoran

Frank Crank to Antioch Church, Antioch

#### GEORGIA

Bob White to Satilla Church, Hazlehurst from Paducah Church, Paducah, KY

#### ILLINOIS

Jesse Allen to Salem Church, Wayne City

#### KENTUCKY

Jim Garrett to Paducah Church, Paducah

#### MISSISSIPPI

Wayne Bess to Tupelo Church, Tupelo

#### NORTH CAROLINA

Ron Scott to Laurel Church, Charlotte from Mother's Home Church, Colquitt, GA

#### OKLAHOMA

Bob Thomas to Locust Grove Church from full-time evangelism

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Jack Williams

## Shooting Down New Ideas

**T**wice in recent years my friend Vernon suggested crazy new ideas to me. Both times I told him his ideas would not work. Both times he went ahead in spite of my advice.

**The first incident** occurred during final preparations for our 50th anniversary national convention. As coordinator, I was juggling details to house, seat and feed 8,000 attendees when Vernon suggested that we record a live 50th anniversary album. Bang! I shot down his idea.

He persisted, however, and convinced somebody to approve the project. That's when I told him, "Vernon, leave me out of this. It's impossible to record a live album at a convention. If it gets done, you'll do it."

He didn't understand the disaster he planned. When 8,340 people showed up for the convention, I knew I was right. But somebody forgot to tell Vernon. I don't know how he did it, but he managed to record, mix, produce and press a live album in four days of non-stop work.

In fact, Vernon's album became the best thing about that convention. Maybe that's why I bought 10 albums and gave to friends.

**A few weeks later** Crazy Vernon dropped another new idea on me. This one came with an \$800,000 price tag. He wanted to publish a new hymn book. What a silly idea when we had a perfectly good 20-year-old hymnal. Bang! I shot him down again.

"Vernon," I said, "we don't have the funds, the time or the expertise to do this. The denomination may need a new hymnal, but they'll never authorize that much money."

Did Vernon take my advice? Certainly not. He not only got approval for a study and a Music Commission

to do it, but authorization for a hymnal with all the bells and whistles. The result: A 720-page hymnal that's the envy of every group that sees it.

In less than four years, Free Will Baptists purchased 90,000 copies of a project I told Vernon was impossible. I don't understand why Vernon's new ideas seem to bring out the worst in me.

**However, I did some** research and discovered that I'm not the only person to step on good ideas and resist change.

Marshall Ferdinand Foch in 1911 said, "Airplanes are interesting toys, but they have no military value." That sounds like one of my lines.

In 1958, *Business Weekly* said: "With over 50 foreign cars already on sale here, the Japanese auto industry isn't likely to carve out a big slice of the U.S. market." That's me again.

In the 1950's this teenage boy attended church in Tupelo, Mississippi, and had a new idea. He wanted to sing in the youth quartet, but was told that he wasn't good enough. We don't know the names of the four boys who had enough talent to make the quartet, but the boy who did not was named Elvis Presley. Ouch!

**People opposed new ideas** long before the 20th century. Take Noah's neighbors, for instance. Noah worked 120 years in his back yard building a boat the size of a World War II aircraft carrier. No one lifted a finger to help. He then invited everyone on board to escape something new called a flood. Did anybody listen? Let's put it this way: Had it not been for his three sons, Noah would have been the loneliest sailor in history.

When Jesus swept into Judea preaching a doctrine too potent for traditional boundaries, He com-

pared it to pouring new wine into old wineskins. Jesus was the original New Idea. Predictably, those who had waited 2,000 years for the new covenant suddenly got cold feet and rejected both the message and the Messenger. Judaism never recovered. Christianity never looked back.

**Not everyone rejects** new ideas outright. Some just lash new ideas with the skeptic's tongue. That happened in France in the late 1700's.

In his book, *The Ben Franklin Factor*, James Humes tells of an incident when Benjamin Franklin, in Paris as ambassador for the newly independent colonies, witnessed the first flight of a man-carrying balloon. Most of Paris scoffed at the expensive experiment.

One Parisian said to Franklin, "What good is it?"

Franklin answered, "What good is a newborn baby?"

**Mr. Franklin would** have liked W. Clement Stone. Stone said, "There is a little difference in people, but that little difference makes a big difference. The little difference is attitude. The big difference is whether it is positive or negative."

New ideas are inconvenient and expensive. They're also untried, scary, visionary and usually belong to somebody else. The next time someone offers you an idea that leaves you cold, put it on the back burner. It might warm up.

Oh, no! Here comes Vernon with another crazy idea. This one will be easy to shoot down. Surely he can't be right *three* times. ■

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